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REMINDERS

WEAPONS - Government Issue weapons may be carried **ONLY** by those authorized and they must be in BDU, ACU, DCU, or the Army physical fitness uniform. Also, areas where weapons are prohibited are:

- TMC, PX, Gymnasium
- Commissary, Snack Bar, Bowling Center
- Recreation Center, Chapel, Theater
- Ben & Gerry's, AAFES Service Station

Weapons will be properly stacked under constant guard, and no closer than 20 feet from the entrance to any of the listed facilities.

SICK CALL PROCEDURES

- Report to the south west side of Bldg. 208 @ 0730 hrs.
- Obtain a sick call slip from your Team Leader and completely fill it out.
- Bring your ID card and a sick call slip to the pick up area and to the TMC.
- The CQ runner will pick you up from Bldg. 208 and take you directly to TMC. If you have a weapon, the CQ will secure it.
- When you have completed the sick call, call the CQ desk @ 3302, 3304, or 3306.
- Have copies made of your sick call slip and any other paperwork at Bldg 241. Turn the originals in to the CQ and keep a copy for yourself.
- Your weapon will be returned to you.

All traffic laws will be followed by all exercise soldiers, speed limit laws are strictly enforced by FHL Police and citations will be issued, this includes training areas.

The convoy training lanes heated up today as Soldiers participated in a mock scenario that previously deployed troops said is just like the real thing.

The scene simulated a convoy delivering supplies to the fictitious city of Dhi Qar after traversing along a dusty road through villages and hostile open areas.

"Convoy two, day two, training level intensity three. I have 42 civilians staged throughout the route, and the convoy commander must make decisions to engage or not engage as he works his way through these hazards on the battlefield," said Lt. Col. Robert G. Hartley, commander 2-360th Training Support Battalion.

The convoy course consisted of more than five key-decision engagement scenarios as the commander led his convoy on a training mission experiencing hostile civilians, IEDs, enemy vehicles pulling out in an attempt to interdict or force the convoy off its route; and the finale of a gunfight at Dhi Qar.

The Pac Survivor training population has a significant percentage of Soldiers who have already been deployed. Many of them have provided feedback and said that this training environment is very close to the "real thing". Patricia Ryan, PAO



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kent Ambrose



Photos by P. Ryan, PAO 63rd RRC

Soldiers from Group A, Convoy D 2 provide security as they work through their exercise scenario delivering goods to the town of Dhi Qar.



Sharpshooters create convoy lane from the ground up

By Staff Sgt. Catherine Pauley, 91st Division Public Affairs Office

In December, 2-360th Training Support Battalion “Sharpshooters”, 3d Brigade, 91st Division, volunteered for the Operation Pacific Survivor convoy lanes training mission. Lt. Col. Robert Hartley, battalion commander, took the challenge. “We had nothing. We had no vehicles, radios, weapons or ammunition when we took this mission.”

Starting with only 19 soldiers, the battalion performed five MUTA 5 battle assemblies to begin rehearsing for the mission. “Parallel with that, we worked with 63d Regional Readiness Command,” Hartley said, “to begin coordination in obtaining vehicles, weapons and ammunition to train as many as 500 soldiers.” The battalion also worked with Camp Parks Garrison Operations to secure the land for the convoy lanes which was established in a previous exercise years before.

Maj. Dave Halen with Sharpshooters was the major architect of the lane complete with four Iraqi villages: Arbil, Wasit, Maysan and Dhi Qar.

Hartley’s team now has 57 soldiers – 70 percent of whom have served two tours in either Iraq or Afghanistan – and 42 civilians on the battlefield to make the training realistic. Hartley took the program of instruction (POI) from Fort Bliss, Texas, and implemented it at Fort Hunter-Liggett with the six battle tasks for convoy operations and eight engagements.

“Convoy training is so critical at this time because it saves soldiers’ lives in pursuit of accomplishing their mission during Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom,” Hartley said. “I understand that 24 percent of the current statistics of the casualties in theater are related to IED/VBIED injuries.”



Photo by Spec. Gloria Whitehead, 91st Division PAO Office

Lt. Col. Robert G. Hartley, commander 2-360th Training Support Battalion “Sharpshooters”, 91st Division, headed the team that put together the convoy lanes for Pacific Survivor at Fort Hunter-Liggett. He is pointing out the technological advances in protection from IEDs – the new Warlock jamming systems – that jam frequencies of radio or signal-controlled IEDs.

Reminder! NO ALCOHOL possession or consumption throughout the duration of Operation Pacific Survivor ZERO TOLERANCE

Visiting hours at the Mission of San Antonio de Padua have been extended to 2000 hrs this Tuesday. Soldiers are invited to visit this unique and historic site located on Fort Hunter Liggett, just down the road from the Hacienda.

A continuing rotating shuttle service will be provided at parking lot # 207 by the Chaplain Team. This historic structure provides an actual glimpse into the past, and the unique role the California Missions had in early California history. Don’t miss this opportunity.



MG Mock, Commander of the 63rd RRC promotes Chief Warrant Officer John Baribault to CW03.



Chaplain 1st Lt. Michael Langdon talks to troops in the field. He also holds a nightly Bible study class in Bldg 208 1900-1930, it is non-denominational, and all faiths are welcome.

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